

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Garrison et al.) Confirmation No.: 6069
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Serial No.: 08/994,047) Group Art Unit: 3628
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Filed: December 19, 1997) Examiner: Robinson Boyce,
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Docket No.: 23952-0044) Customer No.: 29052

COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir or Madam:

The Applicants note that the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowance mailed May 11, 2007 specify that Claim 28 is allowed over the prior art of record in the application. Applicants respectfully assert that the allowed claims are novel and distinct over the cited prior art references for at least the reasons indicated in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. Moreover, the Applicants respectfully assert that there may be additional patentable features that may serve as additional independent bases for patentability.

Respectfully submitted,



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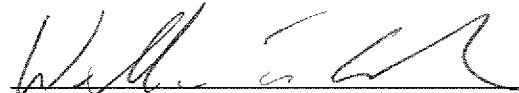
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Dear Sirs:

Applicants hereby submit replacement drawings in the above-identified patent application in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.84. Enclosed herewith are six sheets of formal drawings corresponding to Figures 1 through 6. The Applicants respectfully assert that the replacement drawings submitted herewith are formal versions of previously submitted informal drawings and no new matter or substantive changes to the informal drawings are introduced by these formal drawings.

It is believed that no additional fees are due; however, please charge any fees due or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-5029.

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